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(a) (1) The Task Force consists of the following members appointed by the Advisory Board:

(i) Representatives of community organizations, academic institutions, law enforcement, and State and local government;

(ii) Health care providers;

(iii) Urban planners;

(iv) Entrepreneurs;

(v) Members of the Black Mental Health Alliance; and

(vi) Other individuals with an interest in the social determinants of health in Baltimore City.

(2) To the extent practicable, the members appointed to the Task Force shall reflect the racial, ethnic, cultural, and gender diversity of the State.

(b) The Task Force shall include five subcommittees with each subcommittee addressing one of the following subject areas:

(1) Education, including:

(i) The lack of adequate schools, educational materials, and opportunities for students;

(ii) Low graduation rates; and

(iii) Violence and its impact on the ability of children to learn;

(2) Housing, including:

(i) The condition of housing in low-income areas, including the presence of pests, lead, and mold in housing;

- (ii) Blight;
 - (iii) Neglected and boarded-up housing; and
 - (iv) Broken pavement and the absence of street lighting in residential areas;
 - (3) Workforce development and jobs, including:
 - (i) Chronic unemployment, underemployment, and the lack of sustainable employment;
 - (ii) Job training opportunities and the need for additional job training programs to spur employment opportunities; and
 - (iii) Employment of returning residents;
 - (4) Health and human services, including the following conditions affecting residents:
 - (i) High morbidity and premature mortality;
 - (ii) High rates of hepatitis C, HIV/AIDS, diabetes, high blood pressure, cardiovascular disease, stroke, suicide, mental illness, infant mortality, and alcohol and drug use, including opioid use;
 - (iii) Low birth rates; and
 - (iv) Poor and inadequate nutrition, including poor prenatal care; and
 - (5) Civil unrest and social justice, including homicides, rapes, robberies, domestic violence, street violence, gang activity, and other crimes affecting neighborhoods.
- (c) The Task Force shall consult with the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities in carrying out the duties of the Task Force.
- (d) The Task Force may apply for grants from public and private entities to carry out the duties of the Task Force.

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